Umetco Minerals Corporation



December 18, 2002

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Mr. Paul Baker State of Utah Department of Natural Resources Division of Oil, Gas and Mining 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210 PO Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Dear Mr. Baker:

I will be leaving Umetco Minerals Corporation on December 31, 2002. Mr. Rahe Junge will be taking over the position of Mines Reclamation Manager. His phone number is 970-256-8828. Please direct further correspondence and requests for information to him.

It has been a pleasure working with you on the mine reclamation projects. The assistance you have provided us during Umetco's mine reclamation program has been invaluable in helping us reach our goal of meeting state requirements while achieving effective reclamation.

Sincerely,

Tony Bates, P. E.

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Mines Reclamation Manager

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